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25X1A [] Comment: A previous memorandum, [] of 26 November 1946, stated that V-weapons are being manufactured at the former experimental workshops of the Messig-Werke at Lohr (H32). 25X1A

1. The weapon, which is now in small experimental production at Lohr, is wingless and resembles an artillery shell; it is approximately 6.5 to 7 meters long and 3 meters in circumference. The launching rockets are about 1.5 meters long and are attached in circles in the middle of the launching platform. The latter faces the sea in a natural concealment provided by dunes.
2. Six vessels (not further described) and numerous small craft are operating in the Gulf of Bothnia, about 500 km off Lohr and are constantly communicating to Lohr radio observations on flight direction, height, impact point and other trial details.
3. The range goal of 300 km has not been attained so far. The deviation is as high as 200 km (sic, 200/7). Difficulties are being encountered in the attempts to achieve equal distances with equal loads and have not been overcome as yet; differences in range amount to as much as 100 km.
4. The plant employs 200 Soviet specialists and 300 German workers; two assembly halls are being used. The radio station on the factory grounds is imperative and the building is empty. The installation includes underground explosive dumps, but no details on this can be given.

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